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Referred to Committee on AGING

Introduced by:
(AGE)

AN ACT CONCERNING SENIOR CENTERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2016*) (a) There is established a task force
- 2 to study best practices concerning the delivery of health and human
- 3 services and related information to persons age sixty and older by
- 4 senior centers, municipal agents, appointed pursuant to section 7-127b
- 5 of the general statutes, and other municipal employees. The task force
- 6 shall examine (1) resources and training needs of senior center
- 7 personnel, municipal agents and other municipal employees to allow
- 8 them to facilitate delivery of health and human services and related
- 9 information, (2) the most effective means to provide such resources
- 10 and training, (3) current information delivery practices, (4) best
- 11 practices in this state and other states for the delivery of such services
- 12 and information, (5) barriers to access to information, and (6) data on
- 13 the cost of resources and staff provided by emergency medical
- 14 services, municipal police departments and other entities to provide
- 15 such health and human services and information in the calendar year
- 16 2015.

17 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

18 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
19 one of whom shall be a municipal agent;

20 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one
21 of whom shall be a senior center director;

22 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
23 Representatives, who shall be a director of an area agency on aging;

24 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be
25 a recipient of services from a senior center;

26 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
27 Representatives;

28 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

29 (7) The Commissioner on Aging, or the commissioner's designee;

30 (8) The Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's
31 designee;

32 (9) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
33 designee;

34 (10) The executive director of the Commission on Aging, or the
35 executive director's designee; and

36 (11) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General
37 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to aging, or such
38 chairpersons' designees.

39 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
40 (2), (5), (6) or (11) of this section may be a member of the General
41 Assembly.

42 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
43 September 1, 2016. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing
44 authority.

45 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
46 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force
47 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall
48 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not
49 later than October 1, 2016.

50 (f) The staff of the Commission on Aging shall serve as
51 administrative staff of the task force.

52 (g) Not later than July 1, 2017, the task force shall submit a report on
53 its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of
54 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to aging,
55 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
56 statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such
57 report or July 1, 2017, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To study best practices concerning the delivery of health and human services and related information by senior centers, municipal agents and other municipal stakeholders to senior citizens.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]